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Subject: City Council Update

In advance of any action items, Paul Green, District Engineer from ODOT, will address Council concerning the rehab of I-40 from west of Garth Brooks Blvd. to Morgan Rd. The project involves the reconstruction of the four over pass bridges at Garth Brooks Blvd. and Mustang Rd. as well as widening of the roadway to six lanes, and constructing certain sound barrier walls inside and outside of our jurisdiction. The project is anticipated to cost over \$53 million dollars.

The only action item for your consideration under the YMA agenda is also the only action item under the City Council agenda. We are requesting your authority to proceed with this year's vehicle and equipment purchase. You received a book describing the various purchases across City government. This method of providing our employees with the tools they need to be successful has proven to be very manageable. It has allowed us to even out our cash flow requirements while avoiding the peaks and valleys associated with outright annual purchases. While there is at least one more piece of equipment to be purchased this month, we are still below the budgeted and approved amount of \$1,500,000. I think that we will begin to see smaller annual needs after this year. We will have our vehicle fleet positioned for a more orderly annual schedule for replacement moving forward. Of course, as we continue to grow we will need to match that growth with additional personnel, vehicles, and equipment. Also, I haven't heard anything but positive comments about how much improved our fleet appears, and I know that it has gone a long way to improve employee morale.

Under the Consent Docket for the City Council agenda there are a couple of items to note. The first is the 2013 grant application for the Healthy Communities Incentive Grant. If you will remember we received \$8,000 last year for the school zone improvements at two elementary schools. This year's project would continue the school zone improvements at Myers and Skyview Elementary. The second grant application needing your approval is the 2013 Keep America Beautiful/Coca-Cola Bin Grant. This grant would provide recycling bins to the City at no cost. The third grant application for your consideration is the 2013 ACOG Clean Air Grant for Public Sector Fleets. If we are successful in our application we will start converting appropriate fleet vehicles (mainly those where there are conversion kits available) to CNG.

Call me with your questions. It is certainly good to be back in Oklahoma. I really didn't like driving in California.



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